

THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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GOOD FRIDAY

HERE is a day made good by pain, a demonstration of pain as a good thing. The four evangelists tell the details of our Lord's final sufferings with a fulness not approached in the rest of their story. Yet *Good Friday*, because the Lamb of God taketh away the sin of the world.

The believer in these facts, the Christian, gets a wonderful meaning for his own pain and loss. The good of Christ's pain was that it was for others, for ourselves—willed so by the Father and accepted so by the Son. Christ's love for the Father and for us made the atoning pain and death a joy to Him, who for the joy that was set before Him, the joy of saving His people from their sins, endured the cross, despising the shame. That we are made for pain means that we are made for love and for the joy of giving. When God asks a costly sacrifice from one, what He is really asking is that pitch of love that will make the sacrifice a willing gift, short of which we are short of the nobility of our nature. Words cannot bring this thought home, perhaps, but meditation on the Lord's passion can, and that is what Good Friday is for.

Nurses see a good deal of pain, but would surely say they see much cheerful endurance, pain well borne. There is much goodness as well as suffering concentrated in a hospital, thank God! It all means that pain is playing its part in the redemption of mankind. What is well suffered in Christ's body, the Church, goes for the good of the whole body, drawing down benediction on the whole like intercessory prayer, and even working for the salvation of all. Oh! the trembling joy to the sufferer in the thought of this—in mysterious coöperation with the sacrifice of the cross. I fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church.

HARTFORD, CONN.

THE December meeting of the guild was held on January 11. The service was at Trinity Church at three o'clock. The lesson was Isaiah xl., and Psalms xci. and xcii. were read. The chaplain began his address by speaking of this fortieth chapter of Isaiah as the beginning of the latter part of the book, which forms a most wonderful book in itself. Dr. Hart dwelt upon the four wonderful words—*learn, comfort, patience*, and at the end *hope*. It is a blessed thing that we in this guild are joined together in the promise of trying to find each day the opportunity of reading at least a few verses of Holy Scripture, gathering every day from the lesson read inspiration and comfort and encouragement in our Christian lives from reading of what our Lord or His apostles said or did. In closing he spoke with deep feeling of the Rev. C. G. Bristol, our priest associate, who after a short but painful illness was taken to his rest in Paradise

on the Festival of St. Andrew, and he asked our prayers for his bereaved family and friends. He also asked the prayers of the guild for the Rev. Mr. Brent, and spoke most warmly of Mr. Brent's services for the guild among young men, and of his peculiar fitness for the work to which he has been called. Following the address he read the prayers for those in affliction, and for one who is to be consecrated for the office of a bishop in the Church of God.

At the business meeting the chaplain was asked to prepare for the family of the Rev. Mr. Bristol and for publication in the JOURNAL an expression of appreciation of what Mr. Bristol has been to the guild and of our sorrow and our sympathy for his family. He was also asked to convey to Mr. Brent our greetings and hearty good-wishes.

Miss Pilgard, the delegate to the council in Chicago, read a very interesting account of the meeting there. She also told of going the rounds during her calls of one morning with one of the nurses of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, who was no other than our own Miss Twichell.

NEWPORT BRANCH

THE Newport Branch, the youngest of St. Barnabas's guilds, has its regular meeting on the second Thursday of every month, services being held in Kay Chapel or St. George's Church. Though our membership is small, it is in very good proportion to the number of nurses living here.

"We are all much interested in one of our members, Miss Hazen, who has recently returned from the Emergency Hospital, where she spent several weeks taking care of the small-pox cases, for which work she courageously volunteered, as several other nurses did. We hope to see her at our next meeting.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

THE New Haven Branch of St. Barnabas's Guild held a meeting at the home of one of our associates, Mrs. F. E. Lewis, December 6. The business meeting was followed by a short talk by Dr. Lines on the General Convention in San Francisco. We were glad to welcome Miss Ives, who has resumed her work after a long illness, also Miss Belser, who has recovered from a long siege of typhoid fever. Miss Alice Sherwood's address is changed from New York City to Mill Plain, Southport, Conn., where she has gone for a much needed rest.

NEW YORK BRANCH

THE New York Branch has adopted the following method of holding its meetings: Religious services to be held monthly, but as this is sometimes impossible due notice of holding or postponing these meetings is sent to each member monthly. The business meetings are hereafter to be held every three months, making but three a year, counting out the summer months, when no meetings are held.

The Executive Committee, consisting of Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Gallant, and Dr. Morgan, Misses Allan, Golding, Linton, Carson, and Mrs. King, is to meet monthly. This committee is planning to increase the sick fund by some kind of winter work to be suggested at the March meeting.

ORANGE, N. J.

OUR regular meeting fell on the day immediately following Christmas Day, and for the first time at this season we were welcomed by our chaplain to Grace Church, Orange, of which he is the rector. He chose to combine a few words of cordial welcome with thoughts that were appropriate to the season, giving us as a final suggestion to carry away with us that as the Son of God had put off immortality to take our mortal nature, so we must ever remember that our bodies were the "mortal vesture of an immortal soul." Five new members were received. We adjourned for our business and social time to the new memorial Parish House. Although still unfinished, it was fitting that the very first assemblage should have been the "Guild of St. Barnabas," as it is being erected in memory of a beloved associate. The attendance was unusually large. The room had been decorated with evergreens, and the tea-table carried out the Christmas coloring in a beautiful bunch of Jaqueminot roses, delicious refreshments being served by Mrs. L. V. Sutherland and Mrs. J. Allen. On January 4 we went by invitation to Christ Church, East Orange, and enjoyed an organ recital given by Mr. J. Pleasants, organist of that church. We must not forget to mention and thank our chaplain for his Christmas letter to us this year. We can well believe he finds it hard to say something quite fresh each year, yet he never fails to say the right thing.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

THE Philadelphia Branch has lost several members by marriage,—Miss Emily Wright Bacon, who married Mr. J. C. Cunningham and is living at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.; Miss Struthers, who is now Mrs. Foster, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Mrs. G. Baines, who was formerly Miss Mary Clymer, is living in Philadelphia and is keeping up her interest in the guild.

We have gained Miss C. E. Perkins, who was an active associate of the Allegheny Branch. Miss Thompson and Miss Belle Struble were received at the last meeting.

We have in prospect the pleasure of entertaining the guild at its annual meeting next November.

TRINITY BRANCH, CHICAGO

THE regular monthly meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas was held in the Parish House Monday, January 6. There were about thirty members present. The Rev. N. N. Wilson conducted the meeting. The names of the new members were read and voted on. All were unanimously elected. Dr. Claggett then proposed that hereafter all nurses applying for membership to the guild should be given a certain form of application blank to fill out; this blank then must be sent to the secretary before the next meeting. After some discussion the motion was carried.

After the close of the business part of the meeting a very pleasant social hour was spent. As it was Twelfth-Night, Dr. Wilson gave a short, interesting account of the origin of the term and of the different customs connected with the day, reminding us of what the Epiphany represented to the Gentile world and speaking of its beauty and importance to all Christians. Games followed Dr. Wilson's address, and the pleasant evening was concluded with refreshments furnished by the associates, in which a generous and genuine Twelfth-Night cake bore an important part.